

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

20. A portable folding room dividing partition comprising,

a plurality of articulated panels,

vertical hinges connected between the panels,

each of the panels including a central core formed from sheet material, a pair of horizontally disposed top and bottom frame members, vertically disposed side frame members along each side of each panel and,

at least the vertical frame members having a pair of laterally spaced apart sidewalls and an end wall and having outwardly opening longitudinally extending slots between the end wall and each of the sidewalls,

hinges are formed from strips of flexible plastic material connected between the slots on the same side of adjacent panels to allow the partitions to articulate relative to one another and,

the panels have wheels and are connected to one another by means of said hinges and to the carrier panels to define said partition,

at least one panel at one end of the partition includes,

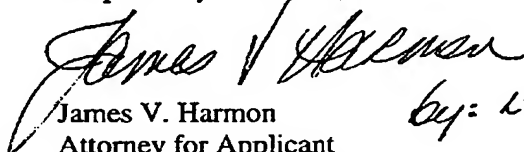
a horizontally disposed laterally extending spread end foot with caster wheels at the ~~end~~ ends thereof,

the spread end foot is connected to a longitudinally extending bottom frame member by a duplex mounting plate having laterally extending arms that are aligned over the spread end foot and are rigidly connected thereto and a pair of longitudinally extending arms.

REMARKS

The allowance of the present application is not predicated upon use of plastic as a flexible strip material that forms hinges between panels of the claimed portable folding room dividing partition and accordingly, the word "plastic" has been canceled from claim 20. In line 17 "end" has been corrected to read "ends". Since the applicant has not relied upon use of plastic to distinguish the invention from the prior art, claim 20 as amended is therefore believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration and allowance of claim 20 as amended is therefore respectfully requested.

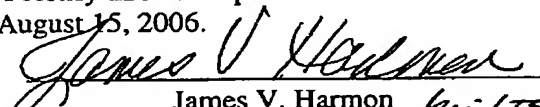
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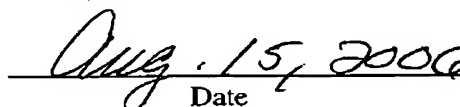

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